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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL,.....5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND,.....1,300,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.
(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 2% per Annum.
" 6 " 4% " "
" 12 " 5% " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBIE,
Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL,.....\$200,000.
RESERVE FUND,.....\$150,000.
Bankers:

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

F. HUTCHING S.
began to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply
BEEF, MUTTON, &c.,
from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant him their support.

Shop—WELLINGTON STREET, opposite
the Cathedral.

Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

For Sale.

RECENTLY ARRIVED, —AND— FOR SALE.

ODGERS'S CELEBRATED CUT-
LERY.

WATERLOW'S and DE LA RUE'S
STATIONERY.

DESSERT and DINNER SERVICES.

TABLE GLASSWARE.

GENTS' TOOL CHESTS.

CABIN SUSPENSION and BULK-

HEAD SWINGING LAMPS for OIL.

CABIN SWINGING CANDLE-
STICKS.

SIGNAL and MASTHEAD LAMPS,

(Latest Admiralty Regulation).

TUBE EXPANDERS, Assorted Sizes.

ENGINEER'S HAMMERS.

MATHEMATICAL INSTRUMENTS.

COPPER WIRE GAUZE.

SPIRIT LEVELS.

INDIA RUBBER SHEETS, Assorted

Sizes.

INSERTION RUBBER, Assorted Sizes.

INDIA RUBBER DOOR MATS.

INDIA RUBBER SUCTION and DE-

LIVERY HOSE.

CANVAS DELIVERY HOSE.

LEATHER BELTING.

A Large and Choice Assortment of
American and English

ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.

NEW and POPULAR BOOKS,

INSTRUCTIVE and AMUSING,

EDUCATIONAL WORKS.

WORKS OF REFERENCE.

PRESENTATION BOOKS.

NOVELS, &c.

MUSIC & SONGS,

—by First-class Composers,

OPERAS, MUSICAL INSTRUCTION BOOKS, &c.

A Fine Selection of SHERRIES.

Very Fine "O. K."

BOURBON WHISKY.

CHATEAU DE FRANDS.

(A fine full flavoured Breakfast CLARET.)

BRANDIES, GIN.

LIQUEURS.

ALES.

&c.

THE COUPONS falling due 28th

February current of the above LOAN,

together with the BONDS DRAWN for Re-

demption, will be Paid at the Office of this

CORPORATION on and after that Date.

For the

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING

CORPORATION,

Agents Issuing the Loan,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 22, 1879.

Notice to Shareholders.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-

year ending 31st December last, at

the Rate of ONE POUND STERLING (£1 Stg.)

per Share of \$125, is PAYABLE on and

after MONDAY, the 17th Current, at the

Office of the Corporation, where Share-

holders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG GENERAL CHAM-

BER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of MEMBERS of THE HONGKONG

GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, is UN-

AVOIDABLY POSTPONED to TUES-

DAY, the 4th March, 1879, at 3.30 p.m.

By Order,

E. GEORGE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, February 26, 1879.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING Shareholders are re-

quested to send in an ACCOUNT of

BUSINESS CONTRIBUTED during the half

year ended 31st December 1878, on or

before March 31st, on which date the

Accounts will be Closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. GILLIES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, February 25, 1879.

NOTICE.

Mrs. J. F. ROSE begs to intimate to

the Ladies of HONGKONG, CANTON

and the COAST PORTS that on the 1st

MARCH she will OPEN a DRAPEY

and DRESS-MAKING Business in the

Premises lately occupied by Messrs. ROSE & CO., next door to the HONGKONG HOTEL, Queen's Road.

All communications to be addressed to

Mrs. J. F. ROSE, as the Business will be

conducted on her sole account.

Hongkong, February 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

I HAVE admitted Captain EDWARD

BURNIE to an Interest in my Busi-

ness of MARINE SURVEYOR.

R. H. CAIRNS.

Club Chambers,

Hongkong, February 6, 1879.

NOTICE.

I HAVE THIS DAY ESTABLISHED myself as

A COMMISSION MERCHANT, &c.,

at No. 2, Queen's Road, under the Style of

"J. G. SMITH & CO."

J. GRANT SMITH.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

I HAVE THIS DAY ESTABLISHED myself as

A COMMISSION MERCHANT, &c.,

at No. 2, Queen's Road, under the Style of

Notices to Consignees

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Teviot*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed, at their risk into the Godowns of Messrs. BUTTERFIELD & SWINE, whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees, wishing to receive their Goods on the Wharf are, at liberty to do so.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 p.m. To-day.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 4th Proximo will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, February 26, 1879. mab

OXIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship *BELGIC*, from San Francisco, &c., are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding discharge of the Steamer will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

G. B. EMORY,
Agent.

Hongkong, February 26, 1879. mab

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE STEAM-SHIP "SAINT MARK," FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Steamer are hereby notified that the cargo will be landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Undersigned, (the Hongkong Wharf and Godowns, Wanchai), whence and from the Wharf or Barge delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be sent on, unless Notice to the contrary be received before 5 p.m. to-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 4th Prox. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by MEYER & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, February 26, 1879. mab

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. DJEMNAH.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Gange*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless Intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-morrow, the 21st Instant, at Noon, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining undelivered after Friday, the 28th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, February 21, 1879. mab

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Ex "Aer."

A M E (in diamond) A M C (underneath) No. 8/9, Order, 2 cases Haberdashery, from London.

H. J. H. (in cross) No. 107, Aldridge Salmon & Co., 1 case Hosiery, from London.

Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

INTIMATIONS.

GEORGE PHILIP DARK (DECEASED).

CLAIMS against the above Estate should be sent in to the Undersigned before the 16th of March.

H. F. HANCE,
acting Consul.

Canton, Feb. 26, 1879.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessel, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

PACIFIC, German steamer, Capt. Hornbahn—Siemssen & Co.

BERTHOVEN, German barque, Capt. R. Eijo—Melschen & Co.

R. M. HAYWARD, American schooner, Captain Doane—Remedies & Co.

WANDERING MINSTER, British barque, Capt. Stevewright—Captain.

LADY, British barque, Capt. T. Brown—Edwards, Schellbach & Co.

NEPTUNE, American barque, Capt. D. Radford—Meyer & Co.

Intimations.

3rd DRAWING.

Chinese Imperial Government Loan 1877.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in conformity with the stipulation contained in the Bonds of this Loan, the following numbers of Bonds to be paid off at par, on the 28th of February next (1879), when the Interest thereon will cease to be payable, were this day drawn at the Offices of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, situated No. 31 Lombard Street, in this City, in the presence of Mr. WILLIAM NICHOLLS, Acting Accountant of the said Corporation, and of the undersigned Notary.

NUMBERS OF BONDS DRAWN.

1147 Bonds Nos.:

11 1614 3229 4844 6443 8063 9662 11276 12883 14498
21 1637 3240 4848 6457 8065 9686 11287 12899 14509
30 1641 3262 4868 6469 8083 9691 11307 12015 14521
51 1666 3276 4880 6492 8095 9703 11315 12932 14536
59 1680 3279 4900 6500 8110 9718 11335 12940 14550
81 1694 3294 4903 6517 8133 9740 11344 12957 14570
96 1701 3318 4926 6538 8136 9746 11355 12968 14578
112 1722 3329 4931 6552 8153 9770 11372 12991 14591
125 1732 3337 4956 6556 8164 9778 11386 12999 14606
138 1742 3359 4967 6579 8180 9788 11400 13010 14620
148 1764 3371 4971 6589 8194 9813 11414 18028 14640
166 1769 3382 4992 6596 8205 9824 11428 18035 14657
169 1791 3402 5012 6610 8229 9841 11442 18055 14669
189 1804 3416 5021 6625 8238 9845 11463 18072 14679
210 1820 3426 5039 6644 8247 9858 11477 18079 14690
224 1825 3444 5046 6659 8264 9874 11484 18097 14705
238 1835 3458 5067 6666 8284 9887 11502 18106 14716
261 1862 3469 5082 6688 8291 9899 11510 18123 14731
261 1874 3486 5089 6699 8306 9915 11528 18137 14748
1890 3489 5109 6708 8322 9930 11537 18151 14765
291 1894 3512 5124 6725 8333 9943 11553 18164 14784
299 1918 3523 5131 6735 8356 9958 11565 18178 14797
322 1921 3542 5144 6756 8361 9970 11584 18190 14809
336 1934 3556 5162 6773 8382 9987 11603 18208 14814
349 1960 3561 5179 6780 8389 10005 11607 18222 14828
358 1974 3584 5193 6798 8401 10011 11631 18235 14851
377 1985 3598 5199 6808 8426 10023 11642 18247 14865
379 1989 3612 5215 6821 8438 10045 11653 18268 14870
403 2011 3622 5235 6837 8448 10068 11667 18284 14883
418 2029 3640 5241 6857 8463 10071 11689 18290 14899
432 2055 3653 5263 6861 8483 10084 11691 18301 14918
445 2058 3660 5268 6876 8485 10095 11710 18317 14927
459 2072 3682 5292 6892 8500 10117 11729 18335 14942
478 2081 3691 5294 6906 8517 10130 11734 18347 14955
489 2107 3710 5319 6919 8520 10141 11747 18361 14969
503 2114 3714 5326 6931 8541 10153 11762 18379 14983
515 2128 3738 5337 6951 8557 10172 11783 18384 14998
527 2130 3741 5353 6965 8567 10183 11793 18411 15010
546 2144 3766 5366 6974 8586 10193 11804 18417 15024
567 2157 3780 5389 6989 8602 10212 11817 18428 15041
571 2184 3790 5403 7003 8613 10226 11834 18441 15056
574 2189 3808 5405 7019 8627 10239 11850 18458 15069
584 2204 3817 5426 7042 8642 10263 11862 18474 15084
596 2228 3828 5437 7047 8653 10271 11875 18486 15098
606 2239 3841 5460 7060 8669 10272 11896 18501 15127
630 2252 3852 5474 7074 8682 10282 11906 18511 15147
638 2260 3869 5485 7086 8693 10292 11927 18529 15158
644 2282 3881 5495 7101 8712 10302 11932 18541 15165
651 2285 3891 5516 7125 8732 10333 11943 18554 15187
662 2299 3916 5528 7139 8743 10360 11959 18569 15198
711 2314 3925 5543 7146 8755 10362 11978 18584 15200
728 2346 3938 5550 7164 8765 10376 11986 18600 15218
730 2352 3958 5564 7174 8789 10386 12000 18617 15220
734 2364 3964 5578 7193 8804 10396 12016 18630 15234
737 2376 3978 5592 7203 8810 10423 12028 18640 15249
739 2394 3985 5604 7214 8825 10434 12042 18655 15268
796 2409 4009 5627 7227 8840 10444 12057 18669 15277
810 2412 4028 5641 7251 8852 10460 12070 18683 15293
823 2455 4038 5645 7255 8874 10484 12090 18697 15305
837 2441 4040 5665 7269 8889 10491 12101 18716 15318
848 2461 4074 5680 7286 8893 10502 12116 18722 15332
863 2477 4088 5691 7303 8908 10516 12120 18742 15345
875 2492 4097 5710 7318 8922 10531 12140 18755 15361
889 2496 4104 5714 7323 8933 10543 12157 18763 15381
906 2611 4128 5729 7340 8950 10550 12165 18780 15393
920 2631 4144 5753 7355 8967 10574 12179 18793 15402
931 2645 4147 5767 7369 8979 10580 12191 18807 15416
949 2652 4164 5770 7377 8989 10594 12215 18821 15432
957 2667 4166 5784 7393 9011 10613 12224 18836 15443
978 2678 4190 5802 7412 9021 10628 12245 18849 15459
990 2804 4214 5829 7426 9036 10642 12254 18864 15474
1004 2807 4228 5842 7436 9054 10655 12271 18878 15486
1025 2827 4239 5841 7452 9060 10670 12283 18893 15501
1034 2844 4255 5853 7475 9076 10685 12293 18908 15517
1046 2860 4270 5870 7487 9093 10699 12305 18919 15532
1064 2876 4282 5881 7492 9105 10724 12325 18935 15543
1076 2885 4298 5900 7508 9119 10725 12336 18951 15566
1091 2905 4304 5910 7520 9130 10740 12356 18963 15576
1106 2925 4325 5927 7541 9147 10757 12377 18989 15593
1119 2927 4337 5944 7547 9157 10769 12393 18996 15609
1134 2940 4347 5959 7573 9171 10782 12406 19010 15624
1142 2950 4356 5967 7578 9191 10806 12405 19019 15632
1149 2952 4373 5980 7594 9200 10809 12423 19036 15640
1173 2976 4403 6011 7617 9230 10841 12452 19059 15672
1204 29

of petty pilferings which are continually going on there. The Government ought to be the last to hold out temptation to the wretched half-starved coolies who are always prowling about the Colony in search of any kind of likelihood, honest or otherwise.

THE rather unpleasant change in the weather looks anything but promising for the Sports on Saturday next. The ground will be somewhat heavy for running. Apropos of the weather there was a heavy fall of hall-stones early this morning; the hall-stones were very large, varying from $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch in diameter, and they could be gathered in handfuls. We believe that no little damage has been done to plants and shrubs by this unusual pecking. What with thunder and lightning, heavy rain, hall-stones, fog, damp and a wretchedly muddy atmosphere, residence in our blessed little island is anything but enjoyable at present. A month of such weather, and we should all cease to smile, even though there should be a change for the better in the rate of exchange. Against this, of course, must be placed the incomparably fine weather of the last three or four months.

SUPREME COURT.
IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.
(Before the Chief Justice Sir John SMALE.)

27th February, 1878.

The prisoners who had been found guilty were brought up for sentence.

Tang Aboi, who was found guilty of kidnapping a child aged six years, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment with hard labour, and ordered to be subjected to three months' solitary confinement in three separate periods, each of one month. In passing sentence His Lordship remarked that, although he was willing to believe that the prisoner was not implicated in the original stealing of the child, yet he concurred willingly in bringing the child to the Colony. This was the case in which the Jury had been unable to arrive at a unanimous verdict for some time, and were sent back three times by His Lordship in consequence.

Lee Achin.—The prisoner had pleaded guilty to child stealing. His Lordship said that the case was a very clear and at the same time an exceedingly bad one. He had stolen the child of a clausman in whose house he had been living, and had taken advantage of the hospitality shown to him by stealing his friend's child. It was evident the prisoner knew what he was about by the manner in which he had behaved when he arrived here. It had evidently been the prisoner's intention to sell the child. His Lordship then sentenced the prisoner to 3 years' hard labour, and ordered him to be privately whipped twice, 20 strokes each time, with the regulation instrument, within the first 6 months of his sentence. His Lordship then said:—I have always hitherto, when I have sentenced an offender to be flogged, directed that he should be flogged in public. Individually I hold that the deterrent effect of flogging as a prevention of crime—brutal and brutalizing as it is—in the publicity of that punishment. This has been the expressed opinion of each Judge who from 1865 to 1878 has from this Bench each directed the flogging to be public. I could not depart from such uniform precedents, but Mr Justice Snowden has held that the Court is not bound by such precedents, and he has uniformly directed the flogging to be in private. I may well defer to his high authority; I yield to it inasmuch as under the circumstances it is practically desirable to do so, but must repeat that I should not have felt myself justified in departing from the course curia in this matter, ever since the ordinance was passed in 1865. I know that public opinion throughout Europe is on the whole greatly opposed to flogging, but this is a question for the legislature, not for the Bench. It is the duty of Judges to inflict whatever punishments the legislature by statute direct, and to be merely the medium of the infliction.

The Acting Attorney General asked His Lordship if he had had the regulation instrument. His Lordship said he had, it was necessary to mention the instrument. The Attorney General concurred.

It was the duty of the judges, continued His Lordship, to administer the law as they found it, and he should have no opinion except in so far as the law required him. Many had refused to become judges on this account, to their great honor be it said.

Fung Aboi, Lo Ang, and Ng Min Chai.—The three prisoners (women) were found guilty of unlawfully detaining a female child under the age of 14 years, and the 2nd prisoner was further charged with bringing the child into the Colony for the purpose of selling her, but the Jury had acquitted her on the second count. The first prisoner had been recommended to mercy by the Jury, and her counsel (Mr Ng Choy) urged this upon the notice of His Lordship, saying that she had not known the child was stolen, and that she had intended to adopt it.

His Lordship said he had not forgotten the recommendation of the Jury. He was willing to believe that the prisoner had intended the child for the matrimonial market, and not for a more disreputable one. He reminded Mr Ng Choy that he might damage his client's case if he said too much, and said that if there were no such persons as the prisoners to buy children there would be less reason for stealing them. He asked the prisoner if she had ever reflected on the misery she had caused the parents of the child, and asked her to take the matter home to herself and think how she would feel if she was a mother and had her children stolen from her.

Whilst entertaining the highest respect for the opinion expressed by the Hon. Chairman of the meeting, I cannot but believe that an ordinance prepared by the Attorney General of Hongkong, if approved by the Governor in Council, and confirmed by the Home Government, for the purpose of imposing a contribution towards Fire Brigade expenses upon all Fire Insurance Companies in Hongkong, would be effectual for the purpose, and that the agents of Home Offices doing business in the Colony would be as little able as they would be disposed to resist its application.

In China the *laborers* are expensive, and she had been guilty of any wrong and trusted in God's goodness.

His Lordship said she had been found guilty and that she was evidently no novice at the business. He then sentenced her to 2 years' imprisonment with hard labour and solitary confinement for 2 months in separate periods of 14 days each. The third prisoner, Ng Min Chai, he said, was hardly as bad as the second, and she was sent to one year's hard labour and ordered to be subjected to one month's solitary confinement in 4 separate periods of 7 days each.

Low Ahoi.—The prisoner was found guilty of stealing 50 bags of flour on the 25th November from the American *barque Coloma*. There were also several previous convictions against him. He still denied the crime, saying that he was not the man. Had he been the thief, he said, he would not have gone back to the ship and thus have run the risk of detection.

His Lordship said that, fortunately for society, great thieves were generally great fools, and consequently got caught. He thought, looking at the long list of crimes for which the prisoner had been punished, that it would be an economy to the Colony to keep him in gaol, and the sentence of the Court therefore was that he be kept in penal servitude for 6 years.

[Some one here gave a low whistle.]

Yours &c.,
GRANVILLE SHARP.

[We fully sympathise with Mr Sharp regarding minorities, as the *China Mail* represented the "very small minority" in favour of the Stamp Act, to which he belonged "a many years ago." This, however, has very little to do with Mr Sharp's reasoning on the subject of tax on fire insurance, which we consider to be fallacious; nor does his letter which appears above seem to us to put the question more fairly. The position we take up is that fire, being a public enemy, should be guarded against by public money—not by the funds of those who buy or sell security from fire as a matter of legitimate business. It may sometimes pay underwriters—and it has paid them here in times gone by—to employ means, at their own expense, to assist a feeble Executive in the extinguishment of fires; but it is not part of an underwriter's duty to keep an engine to put out a fire which ought to be extinguished by the Government officials paid to fulfil that duty, still less to save the premises of a man who refuses to buy the security which a policy gives him. A tax levied on house property or upon householders would, to our mind, be much more fair than the proposal made by Mr Sharp. It would include all the underwriters as holders or occupiers of property, but rightly would not tax them as underwriters.—E.C.M.]

the payment for protection should be proportionate. With the present very imperfect methods of communication, inadequate water supply, defective means, and want of organization, together with the monstrous abuse of fire which is constantly permitted amongst the native population, I consider that the rates charged are insufficient; and that Fire Insurance in Hongkong, instead of being, as it should be, a safe investment, is a very speculative, although usually profitable business.

I take issue altogether with those who think that we may make too great provision for preventing fires, and thus, by discouraging insurance, injure the fire stock. These are better days for Fire Insurance Companies than when they could get risks paying six per cent. per annum, before the establishment of the "Hongkong" and the "China"; and there will be a better chance of these shares appreciating in value than that of the best of the Home Companies, viz., about 1,000 per cent. premium, when, owing to a great improvement of the means of security, the rates of premium may be safely lessened. Shareholders, after they have received a good dividend upon their capital, may well be satisfied that a portion of their surplus be expended in the prevention and extinction of fires, rather than that their capital, dividends, and reserve should be alike endangered by such configurations as that of Christmas 1878.

Yours &c.,

GRANVILLE SHARP.

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THE CHARACTER JEH.
To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Feb. 24, 1878.

SIR.—In your issue of the 22nd inst. the writer of "Chinese Notes" calls attention to the Character **Jeh**, neither of the constituent elements of which appear to be phonetic, but both ideographic. The sound which properly belongs to this combination is undoubtedly the Cantonese *Hat*, or *Hak*, or its dialectic equivalents; *Fooch*, *K'ik*, &c. These follow a law of change corresponding to Grimm's Law in the Aryan languages. But why another sound for the word in Canton and South China? The book interpretation of the word calls to mind a custom so prevalent in the East even till this day, of holding intercourse with the unseen (Jeh), respecting which an able article appeared some time since in the *Contemporary Review*, which may be supplemented by the interesting note of Dr. Caldwell in his *Dravidian Grammar*. Now I am strongly of opinion that we have in the Cantonese *Sheng* a connecting link between the Chinese, and their neighbours. The Burmese *Nat* (the Karen *Na*) is familiar by name to all readers of literature relating to the East. With reference to the Karen *Na* we may observe that Dr. Mason, a reliable authority on matters touching Burma and the neighbourhood—thinks that "it is analogous (in meaning) to the Burmese *Sung*." This word is also found under the forms *Son* and *Sung*, and is defined as a *witch* or *wizard*, the gender being indicated by the qualitative masculine or feminine affix. This *Sung* is further supposed to have the power of life or death.

I can merely say that I some months ago made a note of this, but have allowed it to stand over, awaiting an opportunity to carry out the investigation further, and trace if possible the connexion between the two words. Whether this be levied *ad valorem* upon policies issued, or as an assessment upon the total annual sum received is a matter of indifference; the principle remains the same. The justification is found in the paramount necessity existing for the prevention and extinction of fire, the large outlay and continued expenditure involved, by which the interests of a special class are mainly benefited, and especially conserved. Upon the underwriters therefore who are mainly benefited, a portion of the cost should fall, and the remainder should be borne by the public, insurers and uninsured alike.

I quite agree with you that under the dutes of Fire Insurance Companies to extinguish fires may be fairly relegated by them to the public fire brigades; but only upon the condition of their compensating with the municipality for the performance of this work.

My suggestion was that a duty of 2*l* per cent. upon the gross earnings be assessed.

This would appear to have been the assessment intended by the framers of the act (28 & 29 Vict., cap. 90) for the establishment of the London Fire Brigade by which a payment is required from all Fire Insurance Companies in the Metropolis of £35 million sterling of their risks, the average premium upon which may be estimated at something over 2*l* per £100.

Whilst entertaining the highest respect for the opinion expressed by the Hon. Chairman of the meeting, I cannot but believe that an ordinance prepared by the Attorney General of Hongkong, if approved by the Governor in Council, and confirmed by the Home Government, for the purpose of imposing a contribution towards Fire Brigade expenses upon all Fire Insurance Companies in Hongkong, would be effectual for the purpose, and that the agents of Home Offices doing business in the Colony would be as little able as they would be disposed to resist its application.

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I take issue altogether with those who think that we may make too great provision for preventing fires, and thus, by discouraging insurance, injure the fire stock. These are better days for Fire Insurance Companies than when they could get risks paying six per cent. per annum, before the establishment of the "Hongkong" and the "China"; and there will be a better chance of these shares appreciating in value than that of the best of the Home Companies, viz., about 1,000 per cent. premium, when, owing to a great improvement of the means of security, the rates of premium may be safely lessened. Shareholders, after they have received a good dividend upon their capital, may well be satisfied that a portion of their surplus be expended in the prevention and extinction of fires, rather than that their capital, dividends, and reserve should be alike endangered by such configurations as that of Christmas 1878.

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THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 10th March to the 24th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

J. BRADLEE SMITH,
General Agent,
Hongkong, February 19, 1873.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above-named Company, will be held at the Company's Office, No. 39, Queen's Road, in the city of Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 10th day of March next, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of passing certain Special Resolutions providing for the following alterations in the Constitution and Articles of Association of the Company; viz.:

1.—That the Business of the Company be in future managed by a Board of Directors and a Secretary instead of the former and General Agents as heretofore.

2.—That if in the opinion of the Directors the Business of the Company in any year be such as not to warrant the Payment of Interest at 12 per cent, per annum on the Paid-up Capital, they may during such year reduce such Rate to such lower amount as they may consider desirable for the Interests of the Company.

3.—To enable the Directors if necessary to call upon the Company to pay such Interest or any part thereof out of the Reserve Fund.

4.—To provide that when there shall be profits applicable for dividend the same shall be divisible as the Shareholders in Meeting shall determine.

5.—That Fourteen Days instead of Thirty Days notice may be given of all Meetings of the Company.

6.—That Clause 147 of the Articles of the Company be expunged, leaving future changes in the Regulations of the Company to be made as provided for by Ordinance No. 1 of 1865.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a Second EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company, will be held at the same Hour and Place on MONDAY, the 24th day of March next, for the purpose of Confirming such Special Resolutions as may be passed at the First mentioned Meeting.

Dated this Third day of February, 1873.

By Order,
J. BRADLEE SMITH,
General Agent.

To Let.

TOGETHER OR SEPARATELY,
THE DWELLING HOUSE, OUT-HOUSES, OFFICES AND GODOWNS,
Recently occupied by Messrs. W. PUSTAU & Co.

Apply to LINSTEAD & Co.
Hongkong, February 15, 1873.

To Let.

PORTION OF A HOUSE, very suitable for OFFICES AND DWELLING, also for a STORE, Queen's Road Central. Possession 1st March next.

Apply to LANDSTEIN & Co.
Hongkong, February 4, 1873.

To Let.

HOUSE No. 7, Zetland Street. Possession from March 15th.

DAVID SASOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, February 26, 1873.

To Let.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 55, formerly known as the Blue Houses, situate on Praya East.

FIRST FLOOR, No. 2, with possession 1st February.

HOUSE No. 4, Praya East, either the whole House or in flats, with possession on the 1st April next.

As also, A FRONT and BACK ROOM in the Dwellings to the eastward of the Pier, with part of its spacious Verandah. Immediate Possession.

TO LET.

FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS, attached to Blue Houses at Wan-chai, MARINE LOT 55.

Also, A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close to the Wan-chai Pier. Timber received on Storage or the Yard Rented.

For further particulars, apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 16, 1873.

To Be Let.

Two Excellent STONE-FLOOED GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10, Praya Central.

Apply to TURNER & Co.
Hongkong, August 1, 1873.

To Let.

FIRST CLASS OFFICES and GODOWNS, Nos. 54 and 60, Praya Central.

Apply to WO HANG,
No. 6 and 7, Praya West.
Hongkong, January 2, 1873.

Mails.



STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI-
TERANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-
AMPTON, AND LONDON;

ALSO
BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship
GWALIOR, Captain J. C. BARON, will leave
this on SATURDAY, the 1st March, at
Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. MCIVER, Superintendent,
Hongkong, February 18, 1873.

NOTICE
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;

ALSO,
PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA
AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON SATURDAY, the 8th March, 1873,
at Noon, the Company's S. S.
A V A, Commandant RAPATE, with
MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and
CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted
in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m., on
the 7th March, 1873. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent,
Hongkong, February 25, 1873.

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
STATES AND EUROPE,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CENTRAL
and
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING
RAILROAD COMPANIES
AND
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. *BELGIO* will be despatched
for San Francisco via Yokohama, on
MONDAY, the 17th day of March, 1873,
at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for
Japan, the United States and Europe.
Connection is made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until
4 p.m. of the 16th March. PARCEL
PACKAGES will be received at the Office
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-
SAGE TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent,
Hongkong, February 26, 1873.

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 7, Zetland Street. Posses-
sion from March 15th.

DAVID SASOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, February 26, 1873.

TO LET.

WASHING BOOKS.
(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use
of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now
ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL Office.

INSURANCES.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against FIRE to the extent of
\$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored
therein, at current local rates, subject to a
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

TO BE LET.

Two Excellent STONE-FLOOED
GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10,
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Hongkong, January 2, 1873.

INSURANCES.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER
of
His Majesty King George The First,
A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:

Marine Department.
Policies at current rates payable either
here, in London or at the principal Ports
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.
Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.
Policies issued for sums not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, July 26, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY OF
MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling
of which is paid up £100,000
Reserve Fund upwards of £120,000
Annual Income £250,000

THE Undersigned have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai,
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurances at current rates.

HOLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

SWISS LLOYD
TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY
OF WINTERTHUR.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Company, have
this Day taken over charge of the Hong-
kong Agency, and are prepared to grant
INSURANCE on MARINE RISKS at Current
Rates to all parts of the World.

MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, February 10, 1873.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSUR-
ANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
AGENTS in Hongkong for the above-
named Company, are prepared to Grant
POLICIES against FIRE or Buildings and
on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the
usual Rates, subject to an immediate Dis-
count of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable
reduction in Premiums for Life Insurance in
China.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 13, 1874.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and
Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong
for the above Company, are prepared to grant
Policies against FIRE, to the extent of
£10,000 on any Building, or
on Merchandise, in the same, at the
usual Rates, subject to a discount of
20 per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

The Undersigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to grant In-
surance at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.,

Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL.—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,

Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of
China and Japan, and at Singapore,
Salon and Penang.

Risks accepted; and Policies of Insurance
granted at the rates of Premium current at
the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.